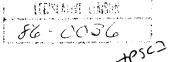
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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505



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The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton, Chairman Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence U. S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Lee:

Beginning on the <u>evening of 23 January</u>, <u>and continuing the next day</u>, <u>I am</u> hosting a conference

individuals within the Intelligence Community. We do this semi-annually as a means of getting the senior managers of the Intelligence Community together to discuss issues and problems of common concern, and to discuss options for their resolution. I have personally found this a most useful management tool, and I believe that it has greatly facilitated the ability of the Intelligence Community to work together toward common goals.

I should be delighted if you could join us for a portion of this conference, preferably the evening session, which begins with dinner and is followed by informal discussion of a major issue or issues facing the Intelligence Community. If it is impossible for you to join us for the evening session, we should welcome your participation any time during the following day. Any views you might wish to offer about the upcoming session of Congress would be most worthwhile for all of those in attendance. I hope that your schedule will permit your participation, as I think that this offers an opportunity for a candid exchange of views in a relaxed and informal setting which will benefit us all. I have also invited Dave Durenberger to join us.

Sincerely,

William J. Casey

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